***The Crucible* WebQuest Evaluating Internet Content**

Use the following links to read about what you should consider when evaluating an Internet source. Then, answer the questions that follow.

* <http://www.library.georgetown.edu/tutorials/research-guides/evaluating-internet-content>
* <http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k70847&pageid=icb.page346375>

Why is it more challenging to evaluate the credibility of an Internet source in contrast to a printed book source?

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What do you need to know about the author to determine whether or not a website is credible? What if there is no specific author? Who would you evaluate as the author if no specific person is named as an author of the website?

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**True or False?**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_All edu and org sites are equally credible.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You should consider the bias of a source when evaluating its credibility.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ All book sources are more credible than Internet sources.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_You can never site a source that does not name a specific person as the author of the website.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Wikipedia is a reliable source that you can site when researching.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Wikipedia can be a valuable brainstorming tool.

**Tricks and Tips:**

* Back your way out of an Internet address to find out where the page is anchored. (I will model this in class.)
* If a website has no specific author listed, look closely at the sponsor of the website. Most reputable sites have a homepage or an “about us” page that explains the credibility of the source. Look for that page.

**Evaluating Sources Practice**

1. Which of the websites provided on today’s Web Quest activity includes primary sources? Identify the sponsor of

the source and the type of primary source that is included on this website.

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Type of primary source \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Select three sources of your choice from the WebQuest activity and evaluate the credibility of each of those sources. Determine whether or not the source is highly credible, moderately credible, or not credible and give reasoning / evidence to support your evaluation of each source.

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